इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा पुनः विज्ञापित करवाया जाएगा।

(ग) और (घ) जी, हां। विद्यमान नीति के अनुसार तेल कंपनियों से अ०जा० / अ०ज०जा० श्रेणी के तहत आबंटित डीलरशिपों / डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों के लिए भूमि एवं अन्य सुविधाएं तथा कार्यशील पूंजी ऋण उपलब्ध कराना अपेक्षित है। उपयुक्त भूमि प्राप्त करने के संबंध में विलम्ब के कारण डीलरशिपें / डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें आरम्भ करने में विलम्ब से बचने के लिए कभी कभी तेल कम्पनियां अग्रिम रूप से भूमि की पहचान करती है और इसे पट्टे पर ले लेती है / इसकी खरीद करती है। झंझारपुर स्थित खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र के मामले में इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन ने इस खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र को विकसित करने के लिए 30 वर्षीय पट्टे पर एक उपयुक्त भू-खण्ड प्राप्त किया है। यह खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र डीलर चयन बोर्ड द्वारा संस्तुत चयनित डीलर को आबंटित किया जाएगा।

Rate of Royalty on Crude Oil

393. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India has fixed the rate of royalty on crude oil on adhoc basis; and

(b) whether Government of Gujarat has represented to fix the regular rate for the block 1993 to 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Presently an 'on account' payment at the rate of Rs. 578/- per metric tonne towards royalty on crude oil is being made with effect from 1.4.1996 subject to adjustment on notification of the final rate of royalty and finalisation of crude price in due course.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Cancellation of Dealerships

394. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 21 persons who were allotted petrol pumps, LPG and SKO/LDO dealerships from Ministers quota by the then Minister, Shri B. Shankaranand, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas have been issued notices for cancellation of the allotment;

(b) if no, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to cancel the dealerships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) In the writ petition No. 4003/95 filed by Centre for Public Interest Litigation, Hon'ble High Court of Delhi had issued show cause notice to 21 dealerships/distributorships who were allotted dealerships/distributorships under the discretionary quota by then then Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shri B. Shankaranand during 1992-93. The Hon'ble High Court, in its Order dated August 29, 1997, has adjourned the hearing of these 21 cases. Further action in the matter will depend on the directions of the High Court.

Crude Oil Production in North East

395. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the trend of production in crude oil in the North East since 1990-91;

(b) what are the reasons for the shortfall in achieving the production targets; and

(c) what measures contemplated to restore the lost momentum of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The trend of production of crude oil

in the North East region is given in the table below:

(Figures in MMT)

Year	Crude Oil Production
1990-91	5.112
1991-92	5.031
1992-93	5.045
1993-94	5.138
1994-95	5.078
1995-96	5.075
1996-97	4.845

(b) The reasons for shortfall in production are:—

(i) Contraints in operating conditions such as bandhs, barricades, strikes, etc.

(ii) Frequent power shutdown affecting artificial lift operations.

(iii) The main oil field of Lakwa, Geleki, Rudrasagar etc. have already crossed their plateau level of production and entered the natural declining phase.

(iv) Problem in acquisition of land for exploration, drilling and production activities.

(c) Measure taken to arrest the declining trend in production are:—

(1) Implementation of new technologies like drain hole drilling, latest lift systems and stimulation techniques.

(2) Enhancement of water injection capacity for reservoir pressure maintenance.

(3) Repair of producing wells and revival of non-flowing oil wells.

(4) 3-D seismic for better reservoir delineation.

(5) Installation of artificial lift.

(6) Sand control/water shutoff jobs.

(7) EPS and connected pipelines in new fields.

(8) Seeking foreign consultancy for field specific problems.

Allotment of Petrol Pumps to SCs/STs in Punjab

396. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petrol pumps advertised for allotment to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country particularly in the State of Punjab, Statewise;

(b) what are the names of the applicants, district-wise who have been allotted these petrol pumps; and

(c) what are Government's plans for allotment of the petrol pumps to SCs and STs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) 396 retail outlet dealerships including 11 for Punjab have been advertised during the period 1994-95 to 1997-98 (upto 30.9.97) all over the country. Out of the above, LOIs have been issued in 102 and 7 cases all over the country and Punjab respectively.

(c) As per the existing policy, 25% dealerships/distributorships allotted through normal selection procedure are reserved for SC/ST on Industry and Statewise basis.

Opening of pipeline sector to private companies

397. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to open the pipeline sector to private companies; if so, the guidelines and conditionalities attached to it, alongwith the details thereof;